The director defendants (the "Directors") have requested that the Court take judicial notice of a securities action filed by the National Credit Union Administration on July 18, 2011 against RBS Securities, Inc. and other defendants. The complaint in that action (the "RBS Complaint") seeks recovery for misrepresentations and omissions in connection with the sale of 29 private label mortgage backed securities ("MBS") to the Western Corporate Federal Credit Union ("WesCorp"). The Directors also request judicial notice of the press release issued about the lawsuit. They argue that "the NCUA's allegations in the RBS case are admissions that undercut and render implausible…the NCUA's allegations in this case…" Docket 148 at 2:28-3:2.

Plaintiff National Credit Union Administration Board as Liquidating Agent for WesCorp (the "NCUA") does not object to the Court taking judicial notice of the filing of the RBS Complaint or the issuance of the press release. However, the inferences the Directors seek to draw from these documents in support of their motions to dismiss are not justified by the documents and are not the proper subject of judicial notice. Moreover, nothing in the RBS Complaint undercuts or otherwise compromises the allegations of the Second Amended Complaint in this case. Rather, that Complaint vividly illustrates both the consequences of the Directors' failure to impose meaningful sector and investment-type concentration limits and the blind eye WesCorp used in its pre-purchase analyses as it acquired heavy concentrations of the riskiest AAA rated securities in order to meet the investment income targets mandated by the Directors.

The RBS Complaint alleges misstatements and omissions in the offering documents for 29 of the hundreds of private label MBS purchased by WesCorp from 2005 through 2007. Of these, two (with AA ratings) were based on subprime loans. Seventeen were Option ARM MBS. The other ten were ALT-A MBS. The losses on these securities represented less than \$750 million of the \$6.8 billion in total

losses and less than \$561 million of the \$4.7 billion in Option ARM MBS losses recognized by WesCorp as of December 31, 2008.

The RBS Complaint alleges a widespread failure to adhere to underwriting guidelines on the part of a number of originators of loans for private label MBS. That failure is an independent cause of some of WesCorp's losses. The Directors do not and cannot claim that it is a supervening cause. In particular, the losses that are the subject of the RBS Complaint would have been prevented had the Directors established meaningful concentration limits by sector and investment type, as they were required to do. Such concentration limits would have prevented the losses, regardless of whether the offering documents for some of the securities WesCorp purchased contained material misstatements or omissions.

As the Second Amended Complaint alleges, the purpose of concentration limits is to protect against investment losses resulting from factors that the purchaser cannot discover with due diligence. Second Amended Complaint [Docket 116] at 24, ¶ 106. Sector concentration limits, such as the limits on investment in private label MBS at issue here, are imposed to limit losses from precisely the type of industry-wide events alleged in the RBS Complaint – the undisclosed, widespread abandonment of underwriting guidelines by the originators of the mortgages that formed the basis for WesCorp's private label MBS.

In addition, the allegations of the RBS Complaint highlight WesCorp's lack of diligence in purchasing private label MBS. That Complaint alleges that "a material percentage of the borrowers whose mortgages comprise the RMBS were all but certain to become delinquent or default shortly after origination." Docket 148-1 at 2, ¶ 6. It alleges a surge in delinquencies and defaults following the offerings that were far higher than those reported in the offering documents. *See id.* at 19-27, ¶¶ 61-66. As a result, the losses actually experienced in the first 12 months after issuance of the securities far exceeded the "expected losses" at issuance. *See id.* at 29-41, ¶¶ 74-86. Finally, it suggests that loan pool information, including

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information about delinquencies, defaults and pool losses, was provided to investors in Trustee's reports. See id. at 19, $\P\P$ 65.

Of the 29 private label MBS at issue in the RBS Complaint, 17 are based on loans from Greenwich Capital Acceptance, Inc ("Greenwich") as depositor. See id. at 14-16, Tables 1 and 2. WesCorp purchased the first of these securities at issue in the RBS Complaint, CUSIP 61915RCL8, from MortgageIT Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-1 on February 17, 2006. See id. at 4. The RBS Complaint alleges that by August 2006, six months after the security had been issued, the loan pool for the security had a delinquency rate of 2.8% as contrasted with the .34% in the prospectus supplement, see id. at 26, \P 65, and actual gross losses for the pool were more than 2.4 times higher than the expected gross losses, see id. at 39, \P 84. Notwithstanding this information, the RBS Complaint shows that WesCorp continued to purchase more than \$1 billion of MBS based on loans from Greenwich as depositor through June 26, 2007. See id. at 3-4, \P 8.

The remainder of the Greenwich loans that are the subject of the RBS complaint were issued by Harbor View entities. See id. The RBS Complaint alleges that WesCorp purchased a HarborView 2006-8 MBS, CUSIP 41161GAE3, from Greenwich on August 1, 2006. See id. at 3. It alleges that six months later, in February 2007, the loan pool for the security had a delinquency rate of 6.54% as contrasted with the 2.78% in the prospectus supplement, see id. at 22, \P 65, and that it had actual gross losses of almost \$8 million compared to expected gross losses of just over \$4.6 million, see id. at 22, ¶ 84. Despite this information, WesCorp continued to purchase additional hundreds of millions of dollars of HarborView MBS through June 2007.

The allegations of the RBS Complaint are not admissions material to the pending motions to dismiss. They do not establish that liability of the Directors is implausible if the factual allegations of the Second Amended Complaint are proven. They do not establish either that the defendants in this case acted reasonably or that

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1	they violated their respective duties o	f care. They certainly do not establish that the
2	Directors acted diligently in mandating that WesCorp's investment portfolio	
3	generate such high levels of investment income that it was effectively prevented	
4	from prudently diversifying. Nor do they establish that the Directors were diligent	
5	in allowing WesCorp to continue purchasing the billions of dollars of relatively	
6	risky AAA rated private label MBS required to meet the budget without imposing	
7	basic meaningful sector concentration limits or investment type concentration limits	
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